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ESCAPE WITH MILLION IN MAIL HOLD-UP

MILLION IN MAIL IS STOLEN BY ARMED BANDITS IN AUTO AT POST OFFICE IN TOLEDO

Police Assert Loss in Currency Alone May Be Between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

SIX BAGS REGISTERED.

Mail Clerk Held Up While Eleven Sacks Are Transferred to Stolen Car.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 17.—Eleven sacks of mail, believed to contain between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000, were taken from three postal employees here at 3 A. M. to-day by five automobile bandits at the Toledo Post Office.

Postmaster George Lathrop refused to place a definite estimate of the loss but said it would be around \$1,000,000. Six of the sacks contained registered mail, and it will take several days to determine the amount.

The police assert that several of the registered sacks contained Federal Reserve Bank notes and the currency may amount to between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

The stolen pouches had arrived from Cleveland, Buffalo and other eastern points, and also from Cincinnati. They are said to have been consigned to Toledo banks.

A mail laden truck had just driven up to the post office and two clerks had stepped out to assist in transferring the sacks when an automobile dashed into the driveway. Four men leaped out, covered the driver of the mail truck and the two clerks with guns, and forced them to lie down on the driveway. Two of the bandits transferred the mail sacks to their own automobile.

The driver of the bandit car remained in his seat, keeping the engine running. When the last sack had been tossed into the robbers' automobile one of the bandits yelled "Let's go!" They leaped into the car and it drove away at high speed.

The driveway in which the robbery occurred was well lighted and inside the Post Office fifteen employees, unaware of the robbery were at work. They did not know that the mail had been stolen until the clerks who had been held up came in and gave the alarm.

A stolen auto used by the bandits was found by the police. In it was an extra set of license tags believed to have been stolen from another car. The machine was stolen from a Toledo garage yesterday by four men who held up and tied the garage man.

The police have arrested three suspects in a house near the outskirts of the city. Federal, county and city police are working on the case.

Joseph Hughes, Paul Weinrich and W. H. Milroy, who were in charge of the truck when the bandits intercepted it at the post office platform, have been closely questioned. Hughes and Weinrich say they were covered with weapons as they were about to take the pouches into the post office, and forced to lie down on the floor.

'LIAR' FREELY USED; CONGRESS IN UPROAR

Member From Texas Howled Down by Both Sides of the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—One of the wildest uproars seen in the House of Representatives in years occurred to-day with a Senatorial attack on Representative Blanton by Representative Summers, both Texas Democrats.

When Mr. Blanton sought to reply the members, Democrats and Republicans alike, howled him down and several times he was passed.

N. Y. Girl 'Busts' 50 Hearts, an Eye And Poker Game



MISS TERESA RABASA. Telephone Operator Visits Spain and Teaches "Carmen" a Few Favorite Tricks.

How she left "fifty busted hearts in Europe," put a poker game "on the bum," went to a bull fight to see King Alfonso and "put one on the eye" of a Spaniard who "got fresh" in a box next to hers—all this and a lot more was told to-day by a seventeen-year-old New York telephone operator who proved to be the most interesting passenger aboard the Antonio Lopez of the Royal Spanish Line, which arrived from Barcelona and Cadiz, en route to Vera Cruz, Mexico.

"Her name is Teresa Rabasa, and though born in Spain, was brought here when three weeks old and has lived ever since at No. 422 West 37th Street. Four months ago she went to visit Europe and Spain with her aunt, who lives in Barcelona. Before that, for a year or two, she was an operator in the Chelsea Telephone Exchange, to which she expects to return.

"I'd heard a lot about the women of Paris," said Miss Rabasa. "But I (Continued on Second Page.)

WHOLESALE PRICES SHOW BIG DECLINE

Average in January Over 6 Per Cent.—House Furnishings Lead the Drop.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Level of wholesale prices declined an average of 6 1-2 per cent. during January, the Labor Department announced to-day, making a decline of 25 per cent. since the peak of high prices in May. The bureau's average is based on prices of 227 commodities.

House furnishings led all other groups in the decline. They dropped 18 per cent., building materials 19 per cent., farm products, food and clothing, 3 1-2 per cent. each; fuel, lighting materials, metals and chemicals, 2 per cent. Commodities taken individually showed decreases for 153 and increases for only fifty-one. As a whole the decrease in commodity prices was 25 1-2 per cent. Clothing prices were reported 26 per cent. below those of January, 1920, and farm products 10 per cent., and other goods more than 45 per cent.

WOMAN HELPS MAN HOLD UP ANOTHER WOMAN IN 86TH ST.

He Fells Victim With Fist While His Female Assistant Looks On.

IS LEFT UNCONSCIOUS.

Watchman Finds Her in Doorway—Wounds Dressed Before Police Arrive.

A private watchman passing No. 117 West 86th Street shortly after midnight saw a woman unconscious in the vestibule. She was identified as Miss Mary J. Sheehan, forty-six, who lives in the house and has a rear room on the ground floor.

When revived by a doctor living next door, she said about midnight she went to a drug store at 86th Street and Columbus Avenue, bought a few articles, and had a \$20 bill charged. On her way home through 86th Street she noticed a man and woman following her. She became suspicious because of the number of hold-ups and burglaries in the neighborhood and quickened her pace and so did the couple.

As she walked up the steps of her home she found the man right beside her and the woman waiting on the sidewalk. He grabbed her handbag containing \$20 and some trinkets. She tried to hold to it and he struck her in the back with his fist, knocking her down and rendering her unconscious. In tearing the chain from her hand all her fingers were cut.

By the time the police had heard of the case and called an ambulance, she had had her injuries dressed. The police report stated she "refused medical aid," without explaining why, which made her indignant. She explained it was only because she did not need it by the time the ambulance arrived.

The robbery of Miss Sheehan brought out a burglary at the home of her friend, a Mrs. Heller, at No. 116 West 87th Street, a few days ago. Mrs. Heller is private secretary of a downtown business man. When she returned from business Monday she found her door jimmied, her telephone wires out and her apartment looted of \$750 worth of jewelry.

Acting as though under the influence of liquor or a narcotic, the police believe, a strange negro entered the cigar store of Louis Douglas at No. 112 1-2 De Kalb Avenue, Brooklyn, this morning, struck Douglas over the head with the front door padlock, which was lying on the counter, stabbed him in the hand with a penknife and ran out with two boxes of cigars.

INDICTMENT FOR FIRE CLERK

Accused of Aiding Able-Bodied Firemen to Retire on a Pension.

The Whitman Grand Jury late this afternoon handed up to Judge Crain an indictment charging John Kelly, lately assigned as a clerk in the Pension Bureau of the Fire Department, with bribery and receiving unlawful fees.

It is charged that firemen in good health by the payment of unlawful fees to Kelly were able to get themselves retired on pensions.

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DESERTED

By his Bride-to-be on the eve of their wedding, John Amory learned that Varia, her younger sister, loved him. Don't fail to read the sequel to this astounding situation, in

'A Gamble in Beauty'

By Narcibelle Hale. Beginning Monday, Feb. 21, in The Evening World

President Wilson as He Looked In Last Photo Taken of Cabinet



The farewell picture of President Wilson and his Cabinet was taken at the regular Cabinet meeting in Washington Tuesday. In the above picture with the President are Secretary of the Treasury Houston and Attorney General Palmer.

WILSON WILL VETO TARIFF AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Vote Shows Friends of the Measure Not Strong Enough to Muster Two-Thirds.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Fordney "emergency" tariff bill, passed by the Senate last night, is certain of a Presidential veto. There is not sufficient support for the trick bill to pass it over the veto. On final passage the vote was 43 to 30, with twenty-three Senators not voting. On this basis it would lack five votes of the necessary two-thirds to override the veto.

Nine Democrats succumbed to the lure of protection for some article produced in their States and voted with the Republican majority. These were Senators Ashurst, Arizona; Henderson, Nevada; Jones, New Mexico; Kendrick, Wyoming; Myers, Montana; Pittman, Nevada; Sheppard, Texas, and the two Senators from the Louisiana sugar belt, Gay and Ransdell.

On the other hand, four Republicans left their party associates on the final vote.

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5TH AVENUE CROWDS SEE SPECTACULAR TWO-ALARM FIRE

Traffic Tied Up an Hour Shortly After Noon by Blaze in 21st Street Loft.

All traffic in Fifth Avenue between 18th Street and 23d Street was suspended from 1 o'clock to 2 o'clock this afternoon by a glut of fire apparatus and the assembling of an immense crowd attracted by a fire in the loft building at the southeast corner of the avenue and 21st Street.

Two alarms brought Chief Kenlon, water towers, hook and ladder trucks, numerous engines and all the active firemen in mid-Manhattan.

The fire started in the office of the Symonds Dry Goods Company on the fifth floor. Joseph Symonds, head of the concern, and his son, Israel, were vainly trying to subdue the blaze with fire extinguishers, were forced to flee for their lives as the flames swept through the office and salesrooms. Most of the tenants were at lunch. The others were removed without danger by way of the two elevators.

When Deputy Chief King arrived the fire was threatening to spread through the building. The damage amounts to about \$25,000.

RUSSIAN SOVIET ORDERS EVERYBODY TO GO TO THEATRE

Penalty Is Fine in Food Ration—All Must See New Communist Plays.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 17. COMPULSORY playgoing is the latest order of the day here.

The Soviet Government has decreed that a fine, payable in food rations, is to be imposed on all persons who, after official invitation, fail to go to the theatre to see a series of Communist plays now being produced.

SCORES IN BLAZE SAVED AS TENANT RUNS ELEVATOR

Janitor Missing While Smoke Drives Out 28 Families on West Side.

Women and children of twenty-eight families in the Alhambra, a seven-story apartment house, Nos. 216 and 218 West 21st Street, were driven from their rooms at 10 o'clock to-day by dense smoke which swept up through the building from a fire in the boiler room. The blaze was threatening the upper floors when the firemen arrived, but quick work confined it to the basement.

When smoke began to sift into the apartments the frightened women and children flocked to the elevator. The janitor and her husband, who were charged with operation of the elevator, were absent and had not returned an hour after the fire was extinguished.

Shrieking and stumbling the tenants made their way down the stairs. The only man in the house was Wilbur T. Beane, awakened from sleep in one of the apartments. He ran down to the main floor, took charge of the elevators and removed all who remained in the upper floors at that time.

Two children suffering from scarlet fever were taken out of a flat on the third floor.

KNEW HIM BY WAY HE LIKED HIS EGGS

Walter Wanted Moses Sachs as Counsel, but Lawyer Disclaimed the Acquaintance.

When Jacob Fischer, a waiter with a long criminal record, was arraigned before Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions to-day on the charge of robbery he said he was innocent.

"It's a serious charge," Judge Mulqueen remarked, "and I shall assign lawyers Fabricant and Collins to defend you."

Fischer, looking about, saw Lawyer Moses Sachs. "I will take Mr. Sachs; I know him well," he said.

Mr. Sachs disclaimed any acquaintance with the prisoner.

"You know me well," said the prisoner. "You like your eggs first one side only."

Nevertheless, Judge Mulqueen accused Mr. Sachs and insisted that Fischer be represented by Messrs. Fabricant and Collins.

SPLENDID PHYSIQUE AN AID TO CARUSO IN LIFE BATTLE; SUPREME TEST IS ON TO-DAY

Affecting Scene as He Greets His Schoolboy Son—His Little Gloria Also Brings Cheer—Science Has Done All Possible to Save Tenor.

A marked change for the better in Enrico Caruso's condition, noticed late this afternoon, according to one of the physicians attending him. He said:

"Mr. Caruso's mind is clearer, his pulse stronger, his temperature lower and his spirits better this afternoon when I came from the bedside. It was then a little after 8 o'clock.

At noon the following bulletin was issued:

Mr. Caruso is still severely ill. There is no material change in his condition for the better or the worse.

(Signed) EDMANN, MURRAY, EVANS, LAMBERT, STELLA.

GOVERNOR MILLER WILL NOT ABOLISH BOXING BOARD

Is Satisfied With Way Present Commission Is Handling the Sport.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Gov. Miller has no intention of abolishing the present State Boxing Commission; it was said here to-day.

The Governor, it was stated, has become satisfied with the commission's work in regulating the sport. There had been a proposal put forward to reorganize the commission and the Racing Commission under a single headed department, which also would assume control over professional baseball.

The tax on boxing shows has netted the State more than \$120,000 in taxes.

MARGARET WILSON ASSAILS SENATE

Declares It Is Trying to Suppress Right of Free Speech by Women.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, to-day assailed the United States Senate before the National Woman's Party Convention on a charge of trying to suppress free speech.

"Is it the business of Congress to supervise the activities or speech of those they represent?" she asked. "It was even suggested the other day on the floor of the Senate that we should not be allowed to talk politics in our centres. Isn't that amazing? Suppose we should initiate a nation-wide referendum to make new rules for Senate discussions? What an outcry there would be.

"It would not be a lawful proceeding, I know, and therefore impossible, but would it be more logical and reasonable for us to make rules limiting the discussions of those who are accountable to us than that they should make rules for our meetings?"

When young Caruso, who was in the uniform of his military school, reached the door of his father's room he brushed aside the tears and with as much of a smile as he could muster, entered the sick chamber. Caruso was conscious at the time and his eyes brightened as he beheld his son. The youth went quickly to the bedside and touched his father's hand as it lay on the coverlet.

Caruso turned his eyes upon his father's face and murmured, in a whisper, "Ah, Mimi, Mimi; mio figlio!" ("My son!")

The youth bent down close to his father's lips and spoke to him and a moment later was led from the room by one of the physicians. Several times later he was permitted to see his father for brief moments.

Sig. Rolando Ricci, the Italian Ambassador, was this afternoon admitted to Caruso's room. He brought officially the greetings and best wishes of the King of Italy and the Ministers to the stricken singer. During the brief space in which Sig. Ricci stood at Caruso's bedside, the sick man spoke to him of Genoa, where they had met. His voice was no more than a whisper.

Many times during the recent hours when Caruso's life was flickering, his baby daughter, Gloria, brought to him by Mrs. Caruso. It is said has never failed to win a smile from her father.

There was to-day, as yesterday, a